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1. The "Vodproekt" Institute (Institute for Hydrographic Plans), located in Sofia in the vicinity of the Ministry of Agriculture and directed by Engineer Popov (fnu), was erected in Sofia between late 1953 and early 1954. The purpose of this institute was to complete surveys and estimates in various areas in order to have the elements necessary for studying and planning the construction of small dikes and canals for the irrigation of lands in order to increase agricultural production. It was to make similar surveys and estimates for the creation of small artificial lakes by means of the construction of dikes in order to exploit, increase, and improve the national water resources.
3. A few months after the founding of the Institute, twelve branches were opened throughout Bulgaria, one in each Okrug center.
4. The Burgas Branch is located at 6 Strakhil Street and is directed by Engineer Gradev (fnu). It employs three engineers, [redacted] and seven technicians (designers, draftsmen, etc.).
5. Between its founding in March 1954 and November of the same year, the Burgas Branch completed all the necessary estimates and prepared the plans for the construction of 35 to 40 small dikes scattered throughout Burgas Okrug. These dikes will serve for irrigation and create artificial lakes in the Okrug. As of November 1954, studies and compilation of the plans for canalizations, had not been started. The other plans which had been completed and sent to the directorate for approval and for the granting of permission to proceed with work, had not been returned by November 1954. Informant believes that work will be started in the spring of 1955.

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